IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Jeffrey S. Brooks Serial No. Filed Confirmation No. For Footwear Examiner Art Unit

May 15, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, SIR:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, after the "Cross-Reference To Related Application" with the following:

--This is a continuation of application Ser. No. 09/379,764 filed August 24, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 09/092,279 filed June 5, 1998, which was a continuation of application Ser. No. 08/861,579 filed May 22, 1997, which was a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 08/654,726 filed May 29, 1996, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

REMARKS

A marked-up version of the changes made to the specification is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The first paragraph of the application has been amended as follows:

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